

In the claims:

Claims 1-14 (Previously Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A modular formwork system for concrete moulding comprising:

a formwork module comprising a rectangular metallic frame with a front surface and a back surface, top, bottom and sides elements protruding perpendicular from said back surface ~~in a box-like configuration~~, wherein said elements have a plurality of holes extending along their length;

a plurality of V-shaped reinforcing elements attached to said back surface and longitudinally extending between said top element and said bottom element;

a plurality of struts elements located at said back surface, longitudinally extending between said side elements and perpendicular to said V-shaped reinforcing elements;

locking elements positioned in the corners of the back surface of said formwork module and configured to receive one end of a distancing element used to provide a parallel distance between the front surface of said formwork module and the front surface of another formwork module;

a linking element configured to secure together one side element of said formwork module against one side element of another formwork module, said linking element comprises a substantially rectangular element having a top surface and a bottom surface, said rectangular element is folded at an angle and has an axially receiving slot provided on one of its sides and passing through said top and bottom surfaces, said axially receiving slot is configured to receive within and secure together the side elements of said formwork module and said another formwork module; and a linking pin attached to said linking element, wherein an end of said linking pin has a curved portion configured to be inserted into a hole of the plurality of holes of the side element of said framework module and into a hole of the plurality of holes of the side element of said another framework module, wherein said linking element is removably latched to said one side element of said formwork module and to said one side element of said another formwork module; and

an alignment arrangement comprising an alignment element positioned against said back surface of the formwork module and longitudinally extending between the side elements of said formwork module, and a gripping element

configured to be attached to said side elements of said formwork module and to selectively push said alignment element against said back surface of the formwork module to horizontally aligned said formwork module against other laterally-positioned formwork modules.

16. (Currently Amended) The modular formwork system of claim \pm 15, further comprising a L-shaped angular element having a first side with a plurality of holes extending along its length and second side perpendicular to said first side with a plurality of holes extending along its length, wherein said L-shaped angular element is configured to allow two laterally-adjacent formwork modules to be connected at an angle by having a side element of a formwork module secured to said first side and having a side element of another laterally adjacent formwork module secured to said second side.

17. (Currently Amended) The modular formwork system of claim \pm 15, further comprising a rectangular-shaped internal corner element, wherein a portion of a first side has a plurality of holes extending along its length and a portion of a second side has a plurality of holes extending along its length, an opening being defined between said portions, said rectangular-shaped internal

corner element is configured to allow two laterally adjacent formwork modules to be connected at an angle by having a side element of a formwork module secured to said portion of said first side and having a side element of another laterally adjacent formwork module secured to said portion of said second side.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) The modular formwork system of claim 4 15, wherein each of said locking elements comprises a receiving hole and a latching slot perpendicular to said receiving hole, a curved end portion of a locking pin is inserted into a hole provided on said one end of the distancing element and into said receiving hole effectively securing said distancing element to said formwork module, the other end of said locking pin is inserted into said latching slot of said locking element preventing lateral movement of said locking pin.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) The modular formwork system of claim 2 16, wherein a said linking element is ~~comprises a receiving slot~~ configured to receive within said axially

receiving slot and secure together a side element of said formwork module and said first side of the L-shaped angular element; wherein a said curved ~~end~~ portion of a said linking pin ~~attached to said linking element~~ is configured to be inserted into a hole of the plurality of holes of the side element of said framework module and into a hole of said first side of the L-shaped angular element.

22. (Currently Amended) The modular formwork system of claim \pm 15, wherein the formwork system is formed by providing at least a first and second formwork modules positioned in parallel and spaced apart by selectively locking said one end of said distancing member to said first formwork module by means of a pin and hole arrangement and selectively locking the other end of said distancing member to said second formwork module by means of another pin and hole arrangement, at least the length of said distancing member defining the space between said first and second formwork modules.

23. (Currently Amended) The modular formwork system of claim \pm 15, wherein a demoulding material is applied to said front surface prior to pouring concrete to prevent said concrete from adhering to said flat surface.

24. (New) A modular formwork system for concrete moulding comprising:

a formwork module comprising a rectangular metallic frame with a front surface and a back surface, top, bottom and sides elements protruding perpendicular from said back surface, wherein said elements have a plurality of holes extending along their length;

a plurality of V-shaped reinforcing elements attached to said back surface and longitudinally extending between said top element and said bottom element;

a plurality of struts elements located at said back surface, longitudinally extending between said side elements and perpendicular to said V-shaped reinforcing elements;

locking elements positioned in the corners of the back surface of said formwork module and configured to receive one end of a distancing element used to provide a parallel distance between the front surface of said formwork module and the front surface of another formwork module;

a linking element configured to secure together one side element of said formwork module against one side element

of another formwork module, wherein said linking element is removably latched to said one side element of said formwork module and to said one side element of said another formwork module; and

an alignment arrangement comprising an alignment element horizontally positioned against said back surface of the formwork module and longitudinally extending between the side elements of said formwork module; a U-shaped gripping element having a first side, bottom side and second side defining a continuous interior space within; a pair of spaced hooks, each one extending away and coplanar from said first and second sides respectively and having a curved end portion; and a manually-actuated pressing means, said alignment arrangement is configured to horizontally align laterally-positioned formwork modules by inserting said alignment element inside the continuous interior space of said U-shaped gripping element, inserting said pair of spaced hooks inside said plurality of holes of the side elements of said laterally-positioned formwork modules while said alignment element is inside the continuous interior space, and actuating said pressing means to push said alignment element against the back surface of said laterally-positioned formwork modules effectively

aligning horizontally said laterally-positioned formwork modules.

25. (New) The modular formwork system of claim 24, further comprising a L-shaped angular element having a first side with a plurality of holes extending along its length and second side perpendicular to said first side with a plurality of holes extending along its length, wherein said L-shaped angular element is configured to allow two laterally-adjacent formwork modules to be connected at an angle by having a side element of a formwork module secured to said first side and having a side element of another laterally adjacent formwork module secured to said second side.

26. (Currently Amended) The modular formwork system of claim 24, further comprising a rectangular-shaped internal corner element, wherein a portion of a first side has a plurality of holes extending along its length and a portion of a second side has a plurality of holes extending along its length, an opening being defined between said portions, said rectangular-shaped internal corner element is configured to allow two laterally adjacent formwork modules to be connected at an angle by having a side element of a formwork module secured to

said portion of said first side and having a side element of another laterally adjacent formwork module secured to said portion of said second side.

27. (New) The modular formwork system of claim 24, wherein each of said locking elements comprises a receiving hole and a latching slot perpendicular to said receiving hole, a curved end portion of a locking pin is inserted into a hole provided on said one end of the distancing element and into said receiving hole effectively securing said distancing element to said formwork module, the other end of said locking pin is inserted into said latching slot of said locking element preventing lateral movement of said locking pin.

28. (New) The modular formwork system of claim 25, wherein said linking element comprises a receiving slot configured to receive within and secure together a side element of said formwork module and said first side of the L-shaped angular element; wherein a curved end of a linking pin is configured to be inserted into a hole of the plurality of holes of the side element of said framework module and into a hole of said first side of the L-shaped angular element.

29. (New) The modular formwork system of claim 24, wherein the formwork system is formed by providing at least a first and second formwork modules positioned in parallel and spaced apart by selectively locking said one end of said distancing member to said first formwork module by means of a pin and hole arrangement and selectively locking the other end of said distancing member to said second formwork module by means of another pin and hole arrangement, at least the length of said distancing member defining the space between said first and second formwork modules.

30. (New) The modular formwork system of claim 24, wherein a demoulding material is applied to said front surface prior to pouring concrete to prevent said concrete from adhering to said flat surface.